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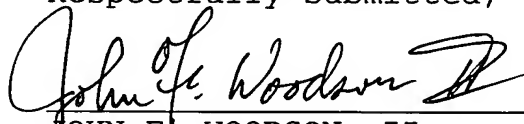
REMARKS

FIGS. 1-9 have been amended to more clearly label the respective figures and certain elements and nodes therein in accordance with the specification. Additionally, certain terms have been replaced with their English language equivalents, some superfluous notation has been removed, and a few minor typographical errors have been corrected. No new matter is being added.

It is believed that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art. For better readability and the Examiner's convenience, the newly submitted claims differ from the translated counterpart claims which are being canceled. The newly submitted claims do not represent changes or amendments that narrow the claim scope for any reason related to the statutory requirements for patentability.

Accordingly, after the Examiner completes a thorough examination and finds the claims patentable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should the Examiner determine any minor informalities that need to be addressed, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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In the Drawings:

Attached are six (6) replacement drawing sheets. The changes made to the drawings are explained in the remarks section below.